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Dear Eduard Lyubchansky:

I reviewed the two funding documents that you referred to in your e-mail. The document dated April (not March) 4th, 1992 covers the funds that we are sending to you. Page 1, paragraph 3 of this document states,

"recognising that the Government of the Russian Federation appreciates the humanitarian and technical assistance and notes the important positive role that ....."

Since U.S. funds are being used for technical assistance, they fall under the jurisdiction of this agreement.

In addition, the U.S. Dept. of Energy's representative at the Moscow Embassy, Robin Copeland is putting together a list of all U.S. contractors, subcontractors and Russian recipient organizations related to U.S. government assistance programs in Russia which should be eligible for tax and customs exemptions. This list will be sent to the Russian customs and tax authorities. When this document is completed, we will obtain copies of this document when it is completed and make sure that you and Dr. Aklyeev receive copies.

I hope this message provides you with the information that you need to avoid paying customs fees and taxes on the next installment of U.S. funds. Please let me know if I can be of any other assistance.

Sincerely yours,  
Elaine Gallin

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Dear Elaine Gallin:

Thank you very much for your e-mail message of 22 February 1996, and for your efforts to process the second payment of \$75,000 for the projects 2.1 and 2.2.

After meeting you, I asked Dr. L. Bolshov to send us the document on basis of which we can receive the exemption of funds, that American party transfers for these projects 2.1 and 2.2, from taxes. Today I do not have this document, and therefore I am anxious. I know only AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION REGARDING COOPERATION TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE of 4 March 1992, on exemption of commodities, funds etc. of the United States, which are sent to the Russian Federation for humanitarian and technical assistance, from taxes, duties, etc. This AGREEMENT can not be used for AGREEMENT of 14 January 1992 in framework of which the projects 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 are being carried out, because in latter AGREEMENT the U.S. financial support was not indicated as humanitarian assistance.

I think that it is possible you and Dr. L. Bolshov have the documents that either qualify the humanitarian character of the financial support of the United States in frame of AGREEMENT of 14 January 1992 or extend the provisions of AGREEMENT of 4 March 1992 to AGREEMENT of 14 January 1992.

I think that if only there was the presence of these documents, we would can avoid to pay significant taxes.

Thank you very much for your collaboration.

With best regards,

Eduard R. Lyubchansky